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**KERN COUNTY MAN FACES 20 YEARS IMPRISONMENT AFTER BEING  
INDICTED FOR RECEIPT AND POSSESSION OF CHILD PORNOGRAPHY**

FRESNO – United States Attorney McGregor Scott announced today that a federal grand jury indicted TIMOTHY ORTEGA of Bakersfield, California with receipt and possession of child pornography. The indictment alleges that ORTEGA received and was in possession of images depicting minors engaged in sexually explicit conduct.

The charges result from an investigation by the Department of Homeland Security, Immigration Customs Enforcement (ICE) that began in late 2005.

According to Assistant United States Attorney Kimberly Sanchez, who prosecuted the case, if convicted of the charges as alleged in the indictment, ORTEGA faces up to 20 years imprisonment and a mandatory minimum of five years imprisonment. The actual sentence will be dictated by the Federal Sentencing Guidelines, which take into account a number of factors, and will be imposed at the discretion of the court.

The charges are only allegations and the defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.

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